The Union’s Grand Strategy

1. Which states made up the Confederacy at the time the strategy was devised?   
  
2. What significance did the Union navy play in this strategy?  
  
3. Explain the significance of the Union campaign in the western part of the Confederacy.  
  
4. Why would the Union exert pressure into Tennessee?  
  
5. What appeared to be the main focus of the Union strategy in the East?  
  
6. The Union strategy is often called the "Anaconda" strategy. Why would this strategy have that nickname?  
  
7. Even with this strategy, it took the Union four years to actually control the Confederacy. In your view, why do you think this was so? (Hint: this strategy was developed by General George B. McClellan.)  
  
8. If you were a Union general, what changes or additions would you make in this strategy? Explain your choices.  
  
9. Imagine you’re a Confederate General, asked by President Jefferson Davis to develop a Southern strategy to combat McClellan’s. What advice could you give the Confederate leadership in developing a battle strategy of its own?  
  
10. Based on what you’ve researched and know about the Civil War, which particular aspect of the Union strategy do you feel was the most effective in ending the war? Explain your answer.